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FM AMEMBASSY DJIBOUTI

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AMEMBASSY CAIRO

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C O N F I D E N T I A L DJIBOUTI 738

LIMDIS

E.O. 11652: XGDS-1

TAGS: PINS, PDIP

SUBJ: FRENCH AMBASSADOR DISCUSSES DEVELOPMENTS IN ETHIOPIA

1. IN CONVERSATION WITH EMBASSY OFFICERS MAY 20, FRENCH AMBASSADOR BASTOUIL SAID THAT, CONTRARY TO PRESS REPORTS, NO GENERAL ETHIOPIAN OFFENSIVE AGAINST ERITREAN LIBERATION FRONTS HAD BEGUN. ATTACKS SO FAR HAD BEEN LIMITED ONES.

2. INFORMATION AVAILABLE TO FRENCH INDICATES THAT THE WESTERN SOMALI LIBERATION FRONT (WSLF) IS BEING REORGANIZED ALONG ETHNIC LINES SO THAT ALL THE MEMBERS OF A UNIT WILL BELONG TO A

PARTICULAR SOMALI CLAN OR SUBCLAN BASED IN THEIR HOME REGIONS. MEANWTILE, BEGINNING MAY 8, ETHIOPIAN AND CUBAN FORCES IN THE  
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REGION OF DAGAHABUR HAVE UNDERTAKEN INTENSIVE OPERATIONS TO SUPPRESS THE WSLF UNITS, ATTACKING SUCH ELEMENTS AS THEY CAN LOCATE AND SEIZING OR KILLING CAMELS AND DONKEYS. THIS MILITARY OPERATIONS HAS SERIOUSLY AFFECTED THE SOMALI CIVILIAN POPULATION OF THE AREA.

3. AMB. BASTOUIL ALSO SAID THAT ETHIOPIAN MILITARY OFFICER

WHO HAD RECENTLY SOUGHT ASYLUM OF GROD REPORTED THAT OROMO  
LIBERATION FRONT IN HARAR AREA, WELL SUPPLIED WITH ARMS AND  
EQUIPMENT LEFT BEHIND BY TROOPS DURING OGADEN WAR, HAD BEEN  
INCREASINGLY ACTIVE DURING PAST MONTH.  
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